

NEWS AND VIEWS

Seminarian Precious left us yesterday to continue his training to the priesthood with pastoral experiences in the Manchester area. We relished his presence and ministry among us. He also felt the warmth of our kindness and hospitality. He is grateful. Please keep him in your prayers.

Sr. Margaret Begley SP: It is with deep sadness that we announce the demise of our dear Sr. Margaret. She was involved in diverse aspects of our parish life, she was also instrumental in establishing St. Gabriel's Endeavour Project and was a full time Senior Youth worker to St Gabriel's Youth and Community Centre. Details of her funeral Mass will be published soon. May the soul of Sr. Margaret Begley and the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Contactless Giving: The Diocese has launched a card/contactless giving to help make our offertory collection safer. It will not replace the other means of giving but is considered a safer alternative. Some members of the Parish Finance Committee will be addressing us this weekend to provide more details on how this works. Thank you.

First Holy Communion & RCIA (Adult programme of Christian initiation) 2022: Please pick the forms for Children who would be seven by the 31st of August. RCIA is for adults who want to convert to or be fully received into the Catholic Church. The forms are also available in the Parish Office.

Important Note for our Diaries: On 15th of Sept (Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows), at 7pm, the Auxiliary Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be celebrating a Mass in our Church for the unveiling of the highly valued painting of Our Lady of Sorrows that was donated to our Church by the renowned English artist Alexander Talbot-Rice. All should please endeavour to be present at the Mass

Day for Life : This day, inaugurated by Pope St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral out-

reach. The fragility of life and the reality of death has been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet in the face of such suffering and death, we have also witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. Against this backdrop of loving care, we are now faced with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. It is not a question of 'if' this challenge will come, it is now a question of 'when?' There is now a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords on so-called 'Assisted Dying' and it is only a matter of time before the issue is back in the House of Commons. This year's theme for 'Day for Life' focuses on assisted suicide and the respect owed to life. The online resources are produced to inform Catholics about this threat to life and to share with people our response to such a threat: a true compassion as the just response to the immense value of the human person. Visit the Day for Life website: <https://www.dayforlife.org/>. In 2020, we were unable to hold our annual 'Day for Life' collection due to the pandemic, funds are very much depleted and the threats to life have never been greater. It is difficult to take another second collection at this time, but the funds are important to support charities and projects which protect the good of life. **We shall take the Day for Life collection next weekend of 10th/11th July.**

Live-streamed Masses via ZOOM/Facebook on Weekdays at 7pm: . It is also very easy to join the Mass through Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/ArchwayParish/>. God bless you as you join us. The Mass will be quiet, prayerful and in 25 minutes. **Zoom link for weekday evening Masses @ 7pm GMT** is below; [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?pwd=L05jUHk4QWovWVQzSVpkNkZ3SGl3dz09) [pwd=L05jUHk4QWovWVQzSVpkNkZ3SGl3dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?pwd=L05jUHk4QWovWVQzSVpkNkZ3SGl3dz09) Meeting ID: **859 2152 7142** Passcode: **071411**

Christian Stewardship: (27th June 2021)
Envelopes: £858 **Loose:** £488.34. We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

July Diary

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd **Spiritan Provincial Assembly in Chester.**

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LAKESIDE	JAIRUS	DAUGHTER
SICK	HANDS	DEAD
MASTER	FAITH	WEEPING
ASLEEP	CHILD	GIRL



We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



The story is told of a young man who had just started his new job in the produce department of a grocery store, when a woman came up to him asking to buy a half head of lettuce. As politely as he could, the young man said, "In this store, we don't sell half heads of lettuce, we sell whole heads of lettuce." The lady was remarkably persistent—obnoxiously so. And so in the end, he did what any young produce department grocery store lad would do, and said, "Well, let me go talk to the manager." The young man shuffles off to find the manager in the back of the store, not realizing that the woman is following him some distance behind. He gets to the manager, and says in frustration, "I've got this crazy old woman out there who wants to buy a half head of lettuce. Seeing the look of consternation on his manager's face, the lad realises all of a sudden that the woman is standing right behind him. He turns and quick as a whip and says, "And this nice lady wants to buy the other half."



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+ 14th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B
4th July 2021



We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

God disabled

After working wonders in other places and growing in popularity, Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth. There, he spoke brilliantly in the synagogue but instead of responding with pride they treated him with cynicism. They couldn't reconcile his brilliance with his unimpressive background. Familiarity breeds contempt. But do they really know him that well? Often, when we can't handle the truth, we resort to attack on the person and not the issue raised. The acclaimed Nigerian author Chimamanda Adichie famously noted the danger of having just a single story about people. That's prejudice. In the case of Jesus, it led to the most tragic incident in the whole of the Bible – he was unable to work miracles! We may ask: "Is anything impossible for Jesus?" Well, we now know better. It is impossible for Jesus to perform miracles where there is no faith in him. The Gospel reports that Jesus was amazed at the people's unbelief. Therefore, while we wonder why God does nothing in the face of human suffering, God is perhaps amazed at our unbelief that makes it impossible for Him to act. God constantly visits us through familiar sources; the people we know, our environment and experiences. But how often have we hindered God's love and healing power because we are too blinded by prejudice to see and accept Him in persons and situations that appear common and ordinary? When we are prejudiced against people and stereotype them, we put them in a box and they are disabled because nobody can perform effectively from inside a box. That was what happened to Jesus and many are similarly disabled today. And when people boxed in by prejudice fail to perform, the prejudiced are the ultimate losers. That was the lot of the people of Nazareth for whom Jesus could not perform a miracle. With their attitude, the prejudiced don't get the best out of people. In fact they get the worst out of people. Ironically, what people find displeasing about others is often not the real person but some distortion they have made of the person. Jesus bitterly lamented that a prophet is despised only by his own people. The choice that faced the people of Nazareth is the very same fundamental choice that faces us; whether we choose to accept Jesus or to reject him, whether to have faith in him or not. Every baptised person is called to be a prophet that speaks the truth of God to the world, proclaiming love, justice, freedom, peace, upholding people's rights and dignity, in our families, in our work-places, among our friends, in our society. It is an irony that such messages arouse such violent resistance, sometimes even costing the life of the messengers. That's the fate of the many martyrs. Yet, as God told Ezekiel, we have to go anyway, and, whether they heed or resist, they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Mass Times & Intentions 4th – 10th July 2021

Sat 3rd Vigil Mass 6:30pm Patrick Rooney (RIP) Heather Blowers (INT)
Sun 4th 9:00am: Patricia Etim-Bassey, Sr. Margaret Begley (RIP), Theresa McFadden (ANN), Amy Abetianbe (birthday), Fr Ken Okolie (50th birthday), Wendy Winsor, Avanzi family (INT)
11:30am: Fimita Anastasia, Rosa Triffoni, Damio Turin, William Boyd, Simon Ohakama (RIP) Fr. Kevin, Etukudoh & family, Tony Glackin, Mary Williamson (Mamie) 90th birthday, Greg Okoreafor, Maria Okoreafor & family (INT)
6:30pm: Michael Kennedy, Carmel Fleming (RIP), Udoh family, Essien-Oku family, Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche (INT)
Mon 5th St. Anthony Zaccaria 9:30am: Mary Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Sr. Margaret (RIP) Rita Rawlings, Paani Dias, Mrs Aroko (birthday) (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**
Tue 6th St. Maria Goretti 9:30am: Gretta Grennan, Bernie Smith (RIP) Mary Williamson (Mamie) (90th birthday) (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**
Wed 7th 9:30am: Helen O'Reilly (RIP), Frances Herlihy (ANN), Amy Abetianbe, Fr Ken (50th birthday) (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**
Thur 8th 9:30am: Kitty Marshall (RIP) Karen Birot, Mary Stephens (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**
Fri 9th St. Augustine Zhao Rong 9:30am: Muriel Roberts, France Herlihy, Harry Fay (ANN), Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten (INT) **7:00pm: (Online)**
Sat 10th 9:30am: Pam Butler, Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Anne Quinlan, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Caroline de Vasconcellos, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Diane Sewell, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Special intention, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Paani Dias, Tony Glackin, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritan) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
Parish Priests: Fr. Dr Ugo Ikwuka CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp
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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat. 11.30am & 6pm, **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am, **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 9.30am – 10.45pm. **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm, **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm
Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 122)

**R. Our eyes are on the Lord
till he show us his mercy**

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
My eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. **R.**

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her distress,
So our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy. **R.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

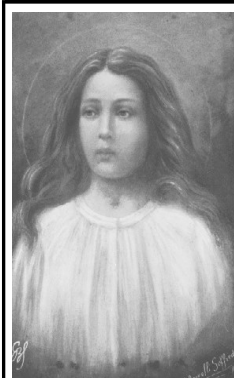
Readers

Jeanette Fayers
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Tracey Shevlin

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers/Bernie S
Ann Waldron/ Essien E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Joseph Ogbonna

FEAST OF THE WEEK



St Maria Goretti 6th July

Maria Teresa Goretti, born into a farming family on 16 October 1890, was an Italian virgin-martyr and is one of the youngest saints to be canonised. Her father died when she was nine, and they had to share a house with another family, the Serenellis. Maria took over household duties while her mother and siblings worked in the fields. One afternoon, Alessandro, the Serenelli's twenty-year-old son, made sexual advances to her. When she refused to submit to him, he stabbed her fourteen times. She was taken to the hospital but she died, forgiving him. He was arrested, convicted, and jailed. During imprisonment, he repented. After 27 years he was released from prison and visited her mother to beg forgiveness, which she granted. He later became a lay brother in a monastery, dying in 1970. Maria Goretti was beatified in 1947, and canonised in 1950. She is especially venerated in the Congregation of the Passion (Passionists).

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise You,
We bless You,
We adore you,
We glorify You,
We give You thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Key Notes:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Tracey Mullett 07957158861, Joan Fitzgerald (To be confirmed) Email: archwaysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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